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Today's Weather

It will be cooler, with low clouds and northwesterly moderate winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Overnight, Daytime. Locations include Amman, Aqaba, Deserts, Jordan Valley.

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 27, Aqaba 37. Sunset tonight: 6:31 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 4:34 a.m.

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J.S. trade mission tests the odds here

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 18 — A 12-man U.S. building supplies and construction equipment trade mission is in Amman getting to know the needs and preferences of local contractors and searching for strategies to compete with the products of other countries well established in the market here.

I find that as an American, I am at a disadvantage to other countries streamlined to do business here. Such as Japan, which lives exports; selling, promoting and making sure people know they are a product for sale. My company has been in business for 75 years, and this is the first time we take part in a trade mission to the Middle East," said Mr. Harlan Smith, vice-president of the W.E. Manufacturing Company, which makes machines for concrete tubes.

The trade mission arrived, organized by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Friday evening after spending five days in Egypt. Mission director Frank Matzke told the Jordan Times: "Most contractors we spoke to here are looking for up-to-date systems that will save labour and time."

Mr. Smith added: "The private sector in Jordan is looking for new technologies to integrate into the systems they are using now. The more we spoke to are looking for higher production at a lower cost."

Another member of the delegation, Mr. Alexander Visser of Nor-International, said: "Egypt is a very difficult market; financing is difficult. The first question we are asked is, 'How much?' and the next is, 'It's too expensive.' Egypt relies on its tremendous resources, whereas Jordan is looking for automation. Of course, geographically Jordan is much smaller, but it is a better bet in that people here are ready to work with more sophisticated equipment."

Mr. Visser's firm manufactures heavy-duty masonry saws and abrasive products.

Nor-International has established a distribution centre in Brno for the Middle East. "We have 75 plants throughout the world, consolidate our products in Antwerp and send them to the Middle East," instead of having each plant handle the ordering, packing and billing for Middle East orders. This makes the process easier for the company's clients, Mr. Visser said.

It is something of a departure for an American firm, but one that is paying off. "It was very useful to establish an office in Europe; it gives us a more flexible, lowers freight charges and communications are much easier," Mr. Visser said.

Mr. Smith said: "There is a potentially good market in Egypt, not only in high technology, but for versatile machines geared to precision work."

On Saturday and Sunday, members of the mission met with government officials, including Minister of Public Works Awmi Al Masri, Mayor Isam Ajlouni and Undersecretary of Industry and Commerce Muhammad Saleh Al Hourani.

Jordan is interested in serving as a central building supplies and construction equipment distribution point for the Middle East for information and products," Mr. Matzke said. "There are opportunities for joint ventures with Jordanian firms or for setting up subsidiaries here" for the Jordanian, Saudi and Iraqi markets. The government is promoting the idea of a building materials centre in Jordan where buyers in the Middle East could come to see samples and brochures of products from all over the world, including the United States.

From the government's standpoint, a recurring theme has been that they would like a regional office set up here as an outlet for information and building materials products. They view Jordan as a centre for disseminating goods, services and technology," Mr. Smith said. "Ultimately there is a large market in Jordan in view of the new five-year plan," he added.

The trade mission was to have gone on from here to Iraq today. Mission members had already obtained visas in the United States, but were to have obtained them here. But the visas were cancelled and others not issued.

Members of the trade mission were interested in getting into Iraq to find out more about it on a face-to-face basis," Mr. Matzke said.

At present we are not going to Iraq because of a problem with visas. We have not been able to determine what that problem is. I say in that regard would be pure speculation, but most of us in our mission wanted very much to go there," he said. "My understanding is that our visas are no longer valid. I got this through the Department of Commerce and it has been confirmed by the embassy here."

As a result, most members have agreed to stay on a couple of additional days here to make more contacts," he added.

It is a disappointment; Iraq is the main market and our main objective was to go there," Mr. Visser said, adding that he had made contacts with people in Jordan who might act as distributors in Iraq. Jordanians have pointed out that they could act as agents for our products in Iraq," Mr. Matzke confirmed.

Hassan at military exercises



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, centre, together with the commander-in-chief of the armed forces Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid and other officials, watches an exercise Monday by soldiers of the Fourth Royal Mechanized Division.

Habib back in Damascus

DAMASCUS, May 18 (Agencies) — U.S. presidential envoy Philip Habib flew to Syria today for his third visit to seek a solution to the missile crisis in Lebanon, a U.S. embassy spokesman said.

He arrived from Riyadh, where he sought Saudi Arabian support for his peace shuttle. The spokesman said it was unclear how long Mr. Habib would stay in Damascus.

The Syrian cabinet met before his arrival. The official Syrian news agency SANA said Prime Minister Abdul Rauf Al Kasm had

briefed ministers on what he called "the political and military crisis fabricated by the Zionist enemy" against Syria's role in the region and particularly in Lebanon.

Syrian officials made it clear that it was up to Mr. Habib to present new proposals for settling the crisis, now in its third week.

They have accused Mr. Habib of pressing the Israeli line for the withdrawal of the missiles. During his last visit, Mr. Habib was told by Syrian President Hafez Al Assad that the anti-aircraft rockets

would not be removed under Israeli or U.S. pressure.

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin today told reporters in occupied Jerusalem he was awaiting word from Mr. Habib, who was expected in Israel tomorrow after his visit to Damascus.

Mr. Begin briefed the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee on the crisis, and afterward told reporters he did not think the Soviet and American naval task forces in the eastern Mediterranean would get into a clash. He said the two superpowers' fleets had cruised those waters before in times of crisis without trouble developing between them.

The Lebanese capital, meanwhile, plunged back into violence tonight, bringing death and panic to a densely populated Palestinian refugee camp.

Mortars and rockets fell around the camp in Sabra, south Beirut, starting fires and sending mothers racing through the streets holding their children.

Security sources reported three killed and 50 injured in the two-hour bombardment of Sabra but were unable to say how many of them were refugees.

Jordan Hotels Association sets freeze on room rates

AMMAN, May 18 (Petra) — The Jordan Hotels Association (JHA) will freeze hotel room rates at their current levels until the end of 1981 with a view to encouraging tourism in Jordan, JHA Chairman Zuhair Al Ajlouni announced here today.

He said that the freeze will enable tourist groups visiting Jordan to continue enjoying special rates.

Keeping hotel rates at last year's levels will give Jordan the cheapest hotel rooms in the region, he said. Mr. Ajlouni added that a joint committee of the Ministry of Tourism and the JHA has been set up to monitor hotel rates in Jordan.

The Ministry of Tourism has also adopted a series of measures

aimed at offering further facilities to tourists this summer, according to Director General of Tourism Michael Hamameh. These measures, he said, include facilitating the entry of tourists by airports and, at land border posts in cooperation with the Public Security Directorate and the customs authorities.

Also, hotels, restaurants and other tourist centres have been requested to extend the best possible services to the tourists, Mr. Hamameh said. According to Mr. Hamameh, the Ministry of Tourism expects an influx of Arab and non-Arab tourists to Jordan this summer, well above the normal numbers the country receives every year.

Islamabad asks Kabul to return PIA hijackers

ISLAMABAD, May 18 (R) — Pakistan said today it had asked the Soviet-backed government in Kabul to hand over immediately and unconditionally the three hijackers of a Pakistani airliner who now live in Afghanistan.

A foreign ministry statement on the extradition request accused the Afghan authorities of harbouring the gunmen in contravention of international law, gunmen in contravention of international law.

It said Afghanistan, having sig-

ned three international conventions on hijacking, must either try to extradite the gunmen, for whom the Pakistani authorities have offered a \$40,000 reward, or prosecute them.

Earlier this month western diplomats in Kabul reported that the three gunmen and about 20 of the 54 prisoners released from jail in Pakistan in exchange for the more than 100 hostage passengers and crew on the Pakistani airliner had arrived in Afghanistan from New Delhi using Syrian passports.



Carlo Cardinal Confalonieri, 87, dean of the College of Cardinals, celebrates mass Monday in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican on Pope John Paul II's 61st birthday. The stricken pontiff was moved Monday from an intensive care unit to private suite at Gemelli Policlinic Hospital in Rome, and doctors said his progress was 'favourable.' (AP wirephoto)

Hunt on for Agca's mystery allies

NEW YORK, May 18 (A.P.) — A Turk accused of wounding Pope John Paul II was a professional killer" hired and shielded by unidentified international right-wing political group, according to the Turkish ambassador to the United States.

Ambassador Sukru Elegdad also alleged that the group moved Mr. Mehmet Ali Agca through seven European countries prior to the shooting, providing him with money and false identities after his escape from a Turkish prison in 1979.

I understand this man has been taken over by some international rightist organisation," Mr. Elegdad said on the ABC television work's "Issues and Answers" programme.

Mr. Elegdad said the group paid Mr. Agca by depositing money in another's bank account. He said "\$4,000 or \$5,000" was found in an account after the 1979 murder of Turkish newspaper editor Abdi Keci.

There is a correlation between these large sums of money and the ruderous actions of Mehmet Ali Agca," Mr. Elegdad said, adding that Mr. Agca received "several" large payments through his mother's account.

Also speaking on "Issues and Answers," Mr. Anthony Quainton, director of the U.S. State Department's office for combatting terrorism, said the identity of Mr. Agca's backers was unknown, but agreed there was little doubt the convicted murderer received outside funding.

You've got to assume that he had friends, that he had contacts, that he had people who provided not only the money but the weapons," he said.

Turkish police arrested two more persons in connection with the passport used by Mr. Agca, official sources said today. Mr. Faruk Ozgun, 28, a textile worker whose name was on the passport used by Mr. Agca to travel around Europe, was taken into

custody late Friday. Later, a teacher and a former policeman were arrested on suspicion of involvement in the forgery, the sources said.

They said the investigation into how Mr. Agca obtained his fake passport was still under way. Three detectives from Ankara were assisting the probe, they said.

Authorities identified the teacher as Mr. Ibrahim Kurt, 29, a former leader of the ultra-nationalist "Ulu Ulku" (Divine Ideal) organisation based in Nevsehir, in south central Turkey. Mr. Agca is said to be an extreme nationalist who belonged to the now defunct Action Party. Mr. Kurt is suspected of having arranged the identity card in Mr. Ozgun's name which was used to have the passport certified by police in the provincial centre.

They said Mr. Kurt also personally mailed the completed passport to Mr. Agca in Yugoslavia where he was hiding after his prison escape.

Sources said the third man in custody was Mr. Erhan Ender, a former policeman, whose photo appeared in Mr. Agca's passport.

They also confirmed that the police chief of Nevsehir in charge of issuing passports and the staff were questioned and released Friday.

Vatican authorities today stressed that the Pope's "sincere pardon" of his assailant yesterday will have no effect on criminal proceedings against the suspect.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Romeo Panciroli, said the Pope's pardon "concerns the field of conscience. It has nothing to do with the procedure of justice which proceeds separately."

Italian prosecutors said Mr. Agca, charged with attempting to murder the Pope and two American women also wounded in Wednesday's attempt, will be tried in Italy at the Rome tribunal.

Under the 1929 Lateran Treaty between Italy and the Vatican, crimes committed in Vatican City are tried by Italian authorities.

Italian police yesterday rejected newspaper accounts an accomplice may have been in the crowd and also opened fire during the attempted assassination.

A Rome police official said "there may have been an accomplice in the square but we believe only one person fired shots."

He said police believe the pontiff and the two American tourists were wounded by two bullets, not three as previously reported.

Mr. Agca has insisted ever since his arrest that he acted alone.

Four capitals in one day Hussein, Qatari leader begin Doha consultations

DOHA, May 18 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein held talks here tonight with the Amir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifah Ibn

Hamad Al Thani, on the latest stop in a Gulf tour that found the King in four different Arab capitals in one day.

The delegation accompanying the King attended the talks, as did the Jordanian ambassador to Qatar and several Qatari ministers and high-ranking officials.

King Hussein began the day in Riyadh, where he held talks last night with Saudi Arabian King Khaled Ibn Abdul Aziz on the second stop of a circuit that began Saturday with his flight to Baghdad.

From Riyadh King Hussein flew to Kuwait, where he was greeted upon arrival at the airport at noon by the Amir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, with whom he later held talks.

The King then went on to Bahrain, where he held discussions in Manama with the Amir, Sheikh Isa Ibn Salman Al Khalifah, before continuing on his journey to the Qatari capital.

During his meetings in Kuwait and Bahrain, King Hussein discussed with his fellow chiefs of state current Arab issues and exchanged views of developments in the Arab homeland, including the situation in Lebanon.

During these meetings, King Hussein expressed his wishes for the success of the Gulf Cooperation Council so that it could achieve its goals in serving the Arab Nation and consolidating Arab solidarity.

Participating in the meetings from the Jordanian side were Prime Minister Mudar Badran; the Chief of the Hashemite Royal Court, Ahmad Al Lawzi; Court Minister Amer Khammash; Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem; and the Jordanian ambassadors to

Kuwait and Bahrain. Participating in the talks from the Kuwaiti side were Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Sa'ad Al Abdullah, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Abdul Aziz Hussein.

Participating in the talks from

the Bahraini side were Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifah Ibn Salman Al Khalifah, Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammad Ibn Mubarak Al Khalifah, Development and Industry Minister Yusef Ahmad Al Shirawi, Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammad Ibn Khalifah, and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Jawad Salim 'Areed.

Begin's hard line on Lebanon faces more critics at home

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 18 (R) — Israeli criticism of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's handling of the Lebanese missile crisis, which has brought Israel and Syria close to war, is growing.

The issue which at first looked like a political asset for Mr. Begin in the June 30 general election is beginning to look like a liability.

Never before in times of national crisis has Israel experienced such public controversy.

Government sources said opposition Labour Party leader Shimon Peres accused Mr. Begin in the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee today of "managing the missile crisis from his Likud bloc campaign headquarters."

When the Syrians moved SAM-6 anti-aircraft missiles into Lebanon last month, Mr. Begin warned Damascus that failure to withdraw them could provoke an Israeli military strike.

At that time Mr. Begin's resolute manner won wide approval in Israel. Opinion polls showed his election chances rising.

Since then the uncertainties that have shown through in Mr. Begin's responses to the danger of conflict have come under attack.

Much of the criticism was directed at Mr. Begin's disclosure last week that Israel had planned an attack on the missile batteries on April 30 but called it off because of bad weather. Military experts complained that he had disclosed valuable information on the Israeli air force's limitations.

Yesterday, apparently uneasy at the growing opposition at home, Mr. Begin secured cabinet approval for an indefinite extension of the deadline for U.S. special envoy Philip Habib to negotiate

a peaceful solution. Officials at Mr. Begin's office said they were receiving a stream of letters supporting the government's handling of the crisis.

But many newspaper editorials have denounced the government, suggesting that some of Mr. Begin's moves in the crisis were taken with the elections in mind.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir sought to play down differences among political parties over the government's handling of the Lebanon crisis.

"Israel is a democratic country and we are in the midst of pre-election campaigning and every party is searching about for some issue, but this is dangerous," Mr. Shamir said on television.

"The Syrians may get the false impression that deep differences exist among us."

He said the Labour Party, the main opposition, also demanded that Syria remove the missiles from Lebanon, and that if diplomatic steps did not persuade Damascus to do it, then other measures should be used.

"This is precisely the government's policy," he said.

"I call on everyone to stop arguing and unite. If there are differences, we can settle them among ourselves," Mr. Shamir added.

Mr. Shamir said Israel "has been locked for a number of years in confrontation with Syria to prevent it and the Palestinian terrorists from taking over full control of Lebanon, for if this ever happened it would mean a full-scale war."

"Now this confrontation has erupted into the missile crisis and we are trying to defuse it by political means."

NATIONAL DAY SUPPLEMENT

The Jordan Times will publish a special Supplement on Jordan's NATIONAL DAY — 25th May. The advertisements for it will be accepted until May 22. For all your queries about the supplement please contact:

Ishraq Najam - Phone 67171-4, Amman, from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Under the Patronage of His Majesty King Hussein The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities and The Department of Culture and Arts in cooperation with The Jordanian Artists' Association present

The National Spring Art Festival

The festival will open at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, and will continue until May 25, at the Alia Art Gallery in Shmeisani.

Under the patronage of His Majesty King Hussein The Ministry of Culture and Youth in cooperation with The Embassy of the Soviet Union in Amman presents The Cabordinka Folklore Troupe

At 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 1981

at the Palace of Culture in the Hussein Youth City

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ASBU sports group recommends steps for news exchange

AMMAN, May 18 (Petra) — The three-day meetings of the sports reporting working group of the Arab States Broadcasting Union (ASBU) concluded in Amman today.

The group approved several recommendations related to strengthening and coordinating sports news exchange among Arab countries, as well as the necessary steps to cover Arab and international sports tournaments, and the drafting of a programme for training staff working on sports programmes.

The group also recommended effective cooperation among the quarters responsible for sports programmes in Arab television stations and emphasised the importance of a specialised sports coordinator in every Arab television network to supervise the exchange of sports news.

The group also recommended that each Arab television network prepare a list of important sports events which would take place in the country concerned, and send it to the general secretariat of the union to distribute it to all the concerned bodies. The group also recommended that a documentary programme on sports and youth be prepared in every Arab country, to be submitted to the participants at the next meeting of the

group. On coverage for prominent Arab sports events, the group recommended cooperation and coordination among all the Arab radio and television networks. It requested the union's general secretariat to collect all the information pertaining to the Arab sports tournament which will be held in Tunis in July. The group decided to hold its next meeting in Tunis in the second half of next January.

The participants in the meetings sent cables of thanks to the minister of information, the director of Jordan Television and the director of Radio Jordan for the big facilities which enabled the group to finish its work.

Arab envoys in front row



The Amman ambassadors of (left to right) Libya (Mr. Abdul Aziz Shaneeb), Syria (Mr. Abdul Farih Al Sabbagh) and Iraq (Mr. Sabah Al Horani), are shown attending a ceremony on Sunday at the Palace of Culture for the graduation of the top secondary class of 1981 at Falastin secondary school in Amman. (Staff photo by Yousef Al Allan)

Medical vehicles from UNFPA for Ministry of Health

AMMAN, May 18 (J.T.) — The Ministry of Health today received a gift of six vehicles from the United Nations Fund for Population Activities as a contribution towards expanding and developing the mother and child care services in Jordan.

According to the ministry's director of mother and child care services, Dr. Mahmoud Nababte,

the fund is to grant the ministry a total of 27 vehicles in accordance with a bilateral agreement.

Last year, the ministry received six such vehicles to help it develop mother and child services under a three-year project started in 1980, ministry sources told the Jordan Times.

Hassan cables Pope, Suharto

AMMAN, May 18 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, today sent a cable to Pope John Paul II congratulating him on his 61st birthday and wishing him a quick recovery so that His Holiness might continue serving mankind, justice and peace.

The Regent also sent a cable to Indonesian President Suharto expressing his condolences and sorrow for the victims of the recent volcano in Indonesia.

Regent opens corps museum



AMMAN, May 18 (Petra) — Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, today opened a military museum at the quarters of the royal artillery corps. Prince Hassan toured various sections of the museum which displays the various types of arms and weapons used by the artillery corps, and demonstrates the corps' high standard of efficiency. He was also briefed by the commander of the artillery corps of training programmes and methods of recruiting and qualifying artillery commanders. The ceremony attended by the Regent, in-chief of the Jordanian armed forces, Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Shaker, and several high-ranking army officers.

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
Islamic Bank 50%	JD 1.000	29,884	1.600	1.600	1.600
Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1.000	1,520	2.240	2.240	2.240
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1.000	13,781	1.540	1.530	1.530
Housing Bank	JD 1.000	3,800	2.190	2.190	2.190
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1.000	350	1.640	1.640	1.640
Industrial Development Bank	JD 1.000	1,500	1.370	1.370	1.370
Jordan National Bank	JD 5.000	10	16.700	16.700	16.700
Bank of Jordan	JD 5.000	1,445	16.700	16.350	16.700
Cairo Amman Bank	JD 5.000	825	15.000	14.800	15.000
Arab Bank Co. Ltd.	JD 10.000	75	134.000	134.000	134.000
Petra Bank	JD 10.000	3,400	23.100	23.100	23.100
Jordan Securities Co.	JD 10.000	169	17.510	17.450	17.510
Al Ezdihar Insurance Co.	JD 1.000	100	2.400	2.400	2.400
Jordan Insurance Co.	JD 1.000	1,580	13.910	13.000	13.910
Arabian Seas Insurance Co.	JD 5.000	286	10.750	10.750	10.750
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1.000	1,534	2.040	2.030	2.040
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1.000	10,105	1.090	1.070	1.090
Arabian Investment and International Trading Co.	JD 1.000	37,890	1.390	1.330	1.390
International Contracting and Investments Co.	JD 1.000	2,000	0.850	0.850	0.850
Dar Al Sha'b for Press, Publications and Distribution	JD 1.000	1,900	0.930	0.930	0.930
Irbid District Electricity Co.	JD 1.000	100	1.200	1.200	1.200
Garage Owners Federation Office Co.	JD 1.000	600	11.810	11.250	11.810
Jordan Printing and Packing Co.	JD 1.000	100	3.520	3.520	3.520
Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1.000	3,448	1.290	1.290	1.290
General Mining Co.	JD 1.000	100	1.850	1.850	1.850
Arab Aluminium Industries Co.	JD 1.000	8,700	1.490	1.480	1.480
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1.000	4,034	3.860	3.840	3.850
Arab Chemical Detergents Industries Co.	JD 1.000	1,100	4.800	4.800	4.800
National Steel Industries	JD 1.000	875	2.270	2.270	2.270
Dar Al Dawa' Development and Investment Co.	JD 1.000	300	3.100	3.100	3.100
Jordan Worsted Mills Co.	JD 1.000	100	3.550	3.550	3.550
Jordan Ceramics Industries Co.	JD 1.000	50	1.120	1.120	1.120
Jordan Glass Factories Co.	JD 1.000	9,600	0.890	0.880	0.880
Jordan Phosphate Mines Co.	JD 1.000	564	3.700	3.650	3.650
Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries Co.	JD 5.000	880	6.150	6.120	6.120
Woolen Industries Co.	JD 5.000	50	5.200	5.200	5.200
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co.	JD 5.000	174	29.950	29.850	29.900
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5.000	4,096	8.500	8.480	8.490
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 10.000	390	19.450	19.400	19.450

Total volume of shares traded on Monday, May 18, 1981: JD 400,864
Total number of shares traded: 14,705

Top aides to meet with Ajloun inhabitant

AJLOUN, May 18 (Petra) — Municipal councils in the Ajloun District tomorrow will hold an open meeting of officials and people to discuss conditions in the region and its needs for public services and development projects. The ministers of agricultural communications, the municipal and rural affairs, environment and public works will take part in the meeting, which will be held at the Ajloun municipality college.

RSS chief of planning returns from info. seminar

AMMAN, May 18 (Petra) — Director of planning and development at the Royal Society for the Study of Population (RSS), Dr. Abdul Khatib, returned to Amman after taking part in a seminar on the transfer and exchange of information for development, which was held in Toledo, Spain. Dr. Khatib said that he was invited to the seminar to report on the RSS's role in utilising information in the service of the Jordanian public and private sectors.

Taking part in the seminar organised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) were 13 delegates from Europe, the USA, Latin America, the Soviet Union, Asia and Africa. Jordan's delegation represented Arab states at the seminar.

Turkish visitors see Sports City

AMMAN, May 18 (Petra) — A visiting delegation representing the administrative and technical staffs at several Turkish universities today called at Al Ain Youth City (Sports City) to meet with its director, Mr. Arida. The visitors toured the different sections of the sports complex.

The delegation's members were also briefed by officials on sports and cultural activities at Sports City. Later, the delegation visited Martyr's Monument, where members were briefed on the employment of the armed forces through a sound and light show, the display of equipment and used by the Jordanian armed forces. The delegation also called on the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) and met with its director, Dr. Arida, who briefed its members on the development of scientific institutions and its services to Jordanian society.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

The French Cultural Centre presents an exhibition of photographs by the members of the photography club of the centre. The exhibition is open to the public at the centre's hall in Jabal Luweibdeh.

The British Council presents "Recent Prints from Britain," an exhibition of original prints by Hockney, Kitago, Fassolas and many others. This exhibition, held previously at the council in Amman, is on display in the foyer of Alcazar Hotel in Aqaba.

The University of Jordan, in cooperation with the British Council, presents an exhibition of academic books.

A painting exhibition by Italian artist Romano Sibilia is on display at the Holiday Inn ballroom.

Film

The Goethe Institute presents "Mensch Mutter" (1977). The show starts at 8 p.m., at the institute in Jabal Amman (in German, with English sub-titles).

Folklore

The Ministry of Culture and Youth, in cooperation with the Soviet embassy, presents the Kabardinka folklore troupe, in a musical performance. The show starts at 8 p.m., at the Palace of Culture in Sports City.

Spring festival

The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities presents the Spring Festival, which was celebrated in Aqaba last month, at the Sports City in Amman.

Videotape programme

The American Centre presents a videotape summary of CBS television news for the past week. The tape will be shown at noon and 4 p.m., at the centre's auditorium, off Third Circle in Jabal Amman.

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Down with routine: Summer jobs for students: Up with productivity Don't all speak at once!

By Mohammad Ayish
Special to the Jordan Times

IAN — Government employees are described as more lax and less "professional" than their counterparts in the private sector. But that image may be on the point -- not because of the recent salary cut -- but thanks to a new "programme of professionalism" recently introduced at the Ministry of Social Development.

The programme will serve as a model to be followed by other departments and institutions, according to the minister-secretary, Mr. Mohli Werdom. The programme aims at boosting the productivity of the employees by getting away with routine

and making employees aware of time factors. Mr. Werdom told the Jordan Times. "The Ministry of Social Development is the most appropriate government body in which to apply the programme," he said, "since it has the fewest employees; they are easy to control."

"The programme calls for each directorate at the ministry to submit a plan of action covering the directorate's intentions, particularly in relation to money allocations," Mr. Werdom explained. Such a programme should be submitted one month in advance of its implementation, he said.

"Directorates are also required to submit yearly reports that outline their plans for the coming year. This makes them proceed according to plans approved by us, instead of going through the dull routine of weekly or daily reports."

The professionalism programme introduced by the Ministry of Social Development gives special emphasis to the employee himself as the major element in the whole operation. Mr. Werdom said that late last month, his ministry chose a typical work day in which to give its employees forms

to fill in with information on what they had done the previous day, what they did on the sample day and what they planned to do the next day.

"By getting the employee directly to face up to the realities he deals with in his working environment, he will develop a sense of commitment and attachment to his work," Mr. Werdom commented.

"The results were quite impressive," he said of the survey; "our employees managed to finish off all their work ahead of time."

"They even completed some of the remaining work from the previous day!" These results, he maintained, prove that many problems reside not in the organisation of government institutions, but in the employee himself.

The under-secretary said that his ministry is planning to hold similar activities on three work days this month, expanding the base of the experiment to include more employees. "At the end of the work days, we'll ask the employees if there is any reason why the whole year should not be the same as this typical day," Mr. Werdom said.

But while many problems can be traced to employee attitudes, the old civil service code is also to blame. "The element of incentives -- absent from the old civil service code and present in the new one -- is encouraging," Mr. Werdom said. Last month, the cabinet and the National Consultative Council approved and ratified the new code, which calls for rewards to be given to hard-working government employees.

"That step brings our work situation closer to that of the private sector, where material as well as moral incentives appear to have an effective role in increasing productivity and going away with routine," he said. Working problems confronting private-sector employees are solved over the telephone, he added, while civil servants have to go and visit various offices whenever they face any problem.

Mr. Werdom said that the application of the professionalism programme at his ministry as a "way of life" calls for diplomacy, respect and appreciation on the part of management. "It is not a programme of dictation and authoritarianism, but one of mutual understanding, by which our employees will come to face up to the reality of their work," he said.

By Dina Matar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Summer jobs are up for the asking for university students in Jordan -- and, fortunately enough, no resumes are needed.

About 1,200 job opportunities at various Jordanian companies have been created, for both male and female students from the two universities. It seems, however, that nobody is queuing up to take them.

So far, only 450 students have applied from the University of Jordan, and another 150 from Yarmouk University. The door has not been closed, and more applications are expected in the next few weeks.

The summer employment programme was originated by the Ministry of Labour, part of the aim being "to use local labour in development plans and projects," Mr. Mansour 'Utoum, head of the Employment Department at the

Ministry of Labour, told the Jordan Times. On the other hand, the students themselves could benefit from this chance to help out with their tuition expenses -- which have doubled in one year. "Though the number of applicants is small, it is encouraging," Mr. 'Utoum said.

This summer will witness the first trial of the programme, which is expected to grow in size next year.

"We intend to create similar work opportunities for college and high school students," Mr. 'Utoum said.

Besides the practical experience, students will get to know the hard, "real" side of life. And they will, it is hoped, develop a self-reliant nature.

The Ministry of Labour has been doing quite a job. During the last four months, it has contacted about 100 Jordanian companies and has come up with 1,200 job vacancies. "The companies were really helpful," Mr. 'Utoum said;

"we did not expect such a response."

But the monthly salaries suggested by the companies -- ranging between JD 30 and JD 100 -- have obviously discouraged the students, who haven't been terribly enthusiastic about asking for work.

According to Mr. Abdul Hammed Sabbagh, director of the Students' Service Department at the University of Jordan, "the university has always encouraged its students to work, and the summer programme has been promoted at both universities."

For the past four months, the two universities have carried out campaigns to encourage the students to work. Notices were hung on boards in all faculties. Yet some students claim that the campaigns were not very noticeable. "I did not hear about the programme until now," one of them told the Jordan Times.

Mr. 'Utoum said, "We also did some campaigning on the radio and in the local newspapers."

The openings are geared to correspond with the students' abilities and skills, their family's financial situation, their place of abode and their interests. "We tried to find jobs in every area of Jordan, so that a student who lives in Aqaba can work there too," Mr. 'Utoum said.

Some companies had specific

requirements for the jobs they offered. For example the Water Supply Corporation asked only for chemists and geologists; many other firms wanted male students only.

Only eight per cent of the total of 600 applicants from both universities were girls. This, Mr. Sabbagh said, "is because some companies wanted only male students. Girls are as eager to work as boys."

Another factor is that many students take summer courses, which may also account for the small number of applications.

The universities themselves offer jobs for students throughout the academic year. Many girls work in the dormitories, and other students -- regardless of their sex -- work at the libraries or in the laboratories.

"We find it worthwhile to work at the university itself," Miss Lana Mas'oud, a second-year agriculture student said, "because we benefit from the experience directly related to our specialisation."

The Ministry of Labour, however, had another motive in initiating the programme. In the long run, students who experience the practical side of life will be more job-oriented, Mr. 'Utoum said.

He added, "Instead of using foreign labour, we can use our own local potential."

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

AMMAN, May 18 (Petra) — Jordanian phosphate exports during February gained by 8,935 tonnes compared to the same month last year, the Aqaba Port Authority, announced. The quantity exported in February this year was 291,425 tonnes, while 282,490 tonnes of phosphate were exported last February.

AMMAN, May 18 (Petra) — The Jordan Express Tourist Transport Company (JETT) will inaugurate two new routes carrying passengers to Saudi Arabia as of the start of next month, JETT Director General Adnan Al Mufti announced here today. He said that JETT buses will be making daily trips between Amman and Tabouk in Saudi Arabia, and between Aqaba and Tabouk, in cooperation with a Saudi Arabian travel firm. It is hoped that the new routes will help boost tourism especially, as they will enable workers in Tabouk to spend their weekends in Aqaba, Mr. Mufti said.

AMMAN, May 18 (Petra) — The executive council of the regional project for animal health in the Middle East continued its meetings today at the directorate of agricultural research and guidance. The council approved an extension of the project to five years, a programme for training for the next five years, and the formation of an administrative committee comprising representatives of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Iraq, Libya and Sudan, in addition to Jordan. The council will conclude its meeting tomorrow.

AMMAN, May 18 (Petra) — The Ministry of Education will organise a variety show on the occasion of Independence Day, on May 27 at Al Hussein Youth City. Girl guides and boy scouts from different schools of the kingdom will take part in this show, in which plays, national songs, dances and popular songs will be performed.

AMMAN, May 18 (Petra) — The Ministry of Education will organise a school chess championship on May 26. Taking part in the championship will be boys' and girls' preparatory and secondary schools in different districts and governorates. The championship, the first of its kind, aims at developing the abilities of students.

AMMAN, May 18 (Petra) — Two Jordanian citizens, Abdul Karim Mohammad Abdullah and Odeh Al Dalim, have been fined JD 50 each for imposing charges for rides in their private vehicles. A Jordanian merchant, Abdul Fattah Hiyari was fined JD 60 and another, Hashem Al Tabakhi, was sentenced to one month in prison, for violating supply regulations. The military governor today endorsed the sentences.

JERASH, May 18 (Petra) — The Agricultural Credit Corporation this year granted JD 31,241 in loans to farmers from Jerash District. These loans were spent on projects to restore agricultural lands, the opening of irrigation canals and the establishment of poultry and cattle farms.

AJLOUN, May 18 (Petra) — The 'Irjan municipal council in Ajloun District has earmarked JD 30,000 for the construction of a primary school of 20 classrooms that will accommodate 400 students. A suitable plot of land of eight dunums has been purchased for the project, on which work will start next month.



Ministry of Social Development's programme is geared to getting those behind the counter pay more attention to those in front of it.

Hamrah back WTO meeting

May 18 (Petra) — Director of Tourism Michael Hamrah returned home last week after participating in the Tourism Organisation's executive committee meeting in Rabat.

The five-day meeting discussed the organisation's budget for 1982-83. In fact a number of states requested a reduction in the budget to less than the agreed \$9 million because of difficult financial positions, Hamrah said. The committee also reviewed a report of the WTO's general assembly to be held in Rome in June.

Summer vocational courses ready

May 18 (Petra) — The Ministry of Education is opening summer vocational training throughout the country through short training courses to 100 preparatory and secondary students at government

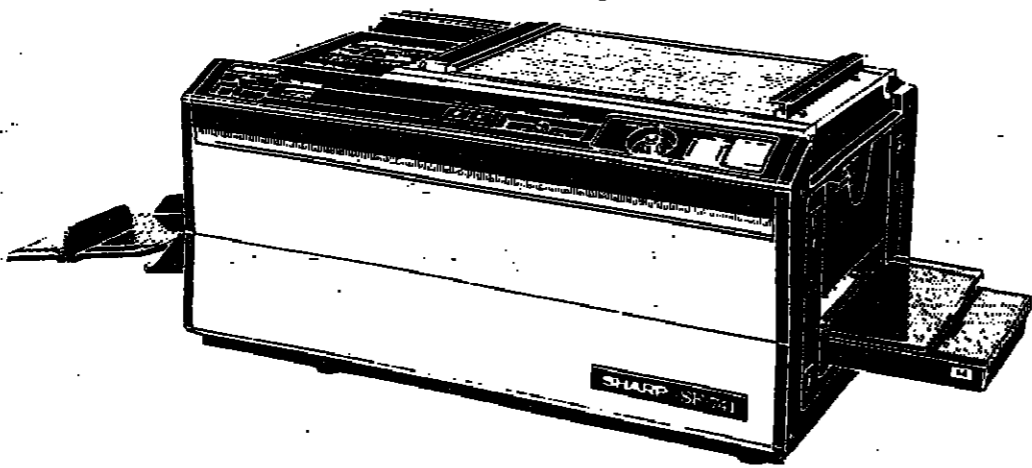
schools. The ministry source said that the courses will open on June 1 and offer the lessons in technical education, handicrafts, embroidery, weaving and knitting, nursing and first aid.

Two-week courses will be held by specialised teachers. The Ministry of Education is according to the source, available all the technical equipment. Earlier, the ministry opened centres with the aim of upgrading students' skills and

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ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: We cannot easily accept the allegations made by the enemy cabinet yesterday to the effect that the enemy government has chosen a diplomatic solution to the current crisis with Syria. We cannot accept these allegations, because we know that all past Israeli aggressions and wars against the Arab Nation were mainly based on the element of surprise, to achieve the biggest possible gains in the shortest period possible. Our doubts almost reach the point of certainty that Mr. Begin's differences with the Labour Party and other political groups are no more than a shrewd propaganda campaign aimed at persuading the parties concerned in the crisis that the government's approval of another chance for U.S. special envoy Philip Habib came as a result of pressure from the Israeli public, and that consequently, this choice represents the real stand of the Zionist entity towards the current crisis. However, if the enemy government is serious this time in resorting to a diplomatic solution, we believe that the reason for this choice is Mr. Begin's conviction that the Babib mission has succeeded in wresting a recognition of Israel's demands concerning Lebanon from the various sides involved in the crisis, particularly that of expanding Israel's "secure borders" to include the Bekaa Valley and perhaps all of Lebanon.

AL DUSTOUR: During his visits to Baghdad and Riyadh, His Majesty King Hussein affirmed that a unified Arab stand is the only guarantee for coping with the current circumstances facing the Arab Nation. His Majesty said that Jordan is advocating this stand, supporting it and seeking to achieve it. This call is made by King Hussein with a special significance, because it is made by a political thinker and an expert in the affairs of the area and in the stormy political fluctuations in it. It is also made by a pan-Arab leader whose country is standing on the longest line of confrontation with the Zionist enemy. Furthermore, the call reflects Jordan's constant eagerness to protect the supreme Arab interest and always to give it priority. What is evident to everyone is that if fighting breaks out, it will be Israel which will be the aggressor. It was Israel which fabricated the missile crisis and aggravated it, and now it is allowing a deceptive period of time before it launches its aggression, exactly as it did before the 1967 aggression and its occupation of the rest of Palestine, the Golan Heights and Sinai. The fabrication and escalation of the missile crisis is an Israeli scheme to justify its aggression against Lebanon and the Arab Nation, particularly against the countries which opposed the Camp David plot.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Indeed correct'

To the editor:
 In respect to the letter signed by Mr. Haitham Goussous and published on page 4 of the May 13 issue of the Jordan Times, I would like to assert that the Jordan Times was indeed correct in referring to the birds donated to the Shmeisani bird garden by Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor as cranes. In fact they are Crowned Cranes, with the Latin name *balearia regulorum*. I have failed to find any reference to a bird called "Grews", either in encyclopaedias, dictionaries or in bird reference books of East and Central Africa.

common sight of everyday life near lakes in Uganda.
 Sincerely,
Dr. Ramsis G. Lutfy,
 Professor,
 Department of Biological Sciences,
 Faculty of Science,
 University of Jordan,
 Member, Royal Society,
 the Conservation of Nature.

We all enjoyed it...

A GROUP of pupils from the International Community School Amman recently paid a visit to the Jordan Press Foundation, where they were shown around to see how the Jordan Times is produced. The following two letters to the editor were written by two of the pupils after their tour of the foundation.

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL
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April 30th

Dear Mr. Khoury
 Thank you very much for letting our class around and see how the newspaper is produced. Our class enjoyed it very much. I think most of the class enjoyed the printing press most. Today everybody wrote about what we did yesterday. Thank you again for showing us around.
 Yours Sincerely,
 Sarah Lutfy,
 (On behalf of class 6)

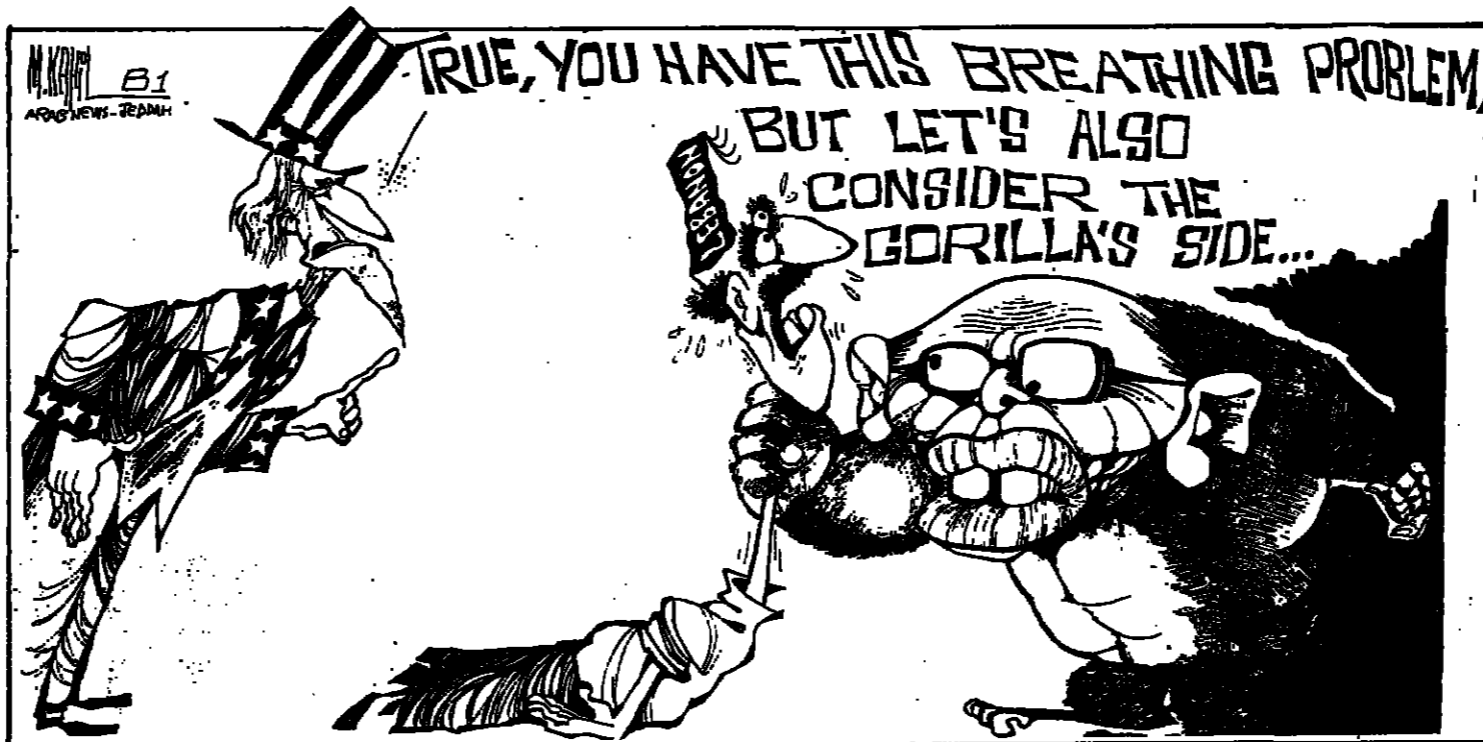
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Dear Mr. Khoury
 On behalf of class 6 and class 4b I should like to thank you for showing us around Jordan Times. We all enjoyed the printing press best of all. We all thank you for the Newspapers, negatives etc. We also give a special thank you for showing us around.

Yours sincerely,
 Tim Bull

Unfree, unfair

THERE HAVE been some disturbing signs over the past year that the West European industrial states and the United States may be embarking on a new era of protectionist trade policies. The ultimate effect of this trend on commodity-producing Third World states seeking to develop their own industrial base is hard to predict today; but it augurs badly for these states, of which Jordan is one. The most dramatic developments have been in the "voluntary" restrictions on automobile exports from Japan to Europe and the USA. But what starts with automobiles can quickly spill over into other fields. It is well accepted in principle that free and open trade among all states is the best guarantor of healthy, competitive economic development and growth for all states. If Japan can produce better cars at a lower price than Western manufacturers, it makes sense to let the Japanese dominate the car market, and thus allow free market forces to shift industrial production in the West into other fields in which the West has either a technological edge or a larger resource base. The same applies for the Third World. The contradiction that we see developing is that the West wants the Third World to produce unlimited amounts of low-priced commodities, but it wants to control the kinds and amounts of finished products reaching the West from other parts of the world. This is neither free, nor fair trading. It should be nipped in the bud.



JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

JORDAN TELEVISION

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 6:45 Young and Restless
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 7:25 Programme on Health
 8:30 News in Arabic
 9:30 Local Programme
 10:25 Arabic series
 11:15 News in Arabic
CHANNEL 6
 6:00 French programme
 7:00 News in French
 7:30 News in Hebrew
 8:00 News in Arabic
 8:30 Comedy: House Calls
 9:10 Documentary
 10:00 News in English
 10:15 Dallas

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7:00 Sign on
 7:01 Morning Show
 7:30 News Bulletin
 7:40 Morning Show
 10:00 News Headlines
 10:30 Pop Session
 11:00 Sign off
 12:00 News Headlines
 12:03 Pop Session
 13:00 News Summary
 13:03 Pop Session
 14:00 News Bulletin
 14:10 Instrumentals
 14:30 Special Feature
 15:00 Concert Hour
 16:00 News Summary
 16:03 Instrumentals
 16:30 Old Favourites
 17:00 Over a Cup of Tea
 17:30 Pop Session
 18:00 News Summary
 18:03 Top Twenty
 18:30 Top Twenty
 19:00 News Desk
 19:30 Music
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 21:00 News Summary
 21:03 Evening Show
 22:00 Close down

BBC WORLD SERVICE
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 Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qafa' (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). Closed on Tuesdays.
 Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century oriental artists. Mountazah, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Tuesdays. Tel. 30128

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 Lebanese pound 77.1/78.8
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 Egyptian pound 388.3/397.5
 Qatari riyal 91.1/91.7
 UAE dirham 90.2/90.7
 Omani riyal 955.6/960.6
 U.S. dollar 331/333
 U.K. sterling 690.8/694.9
 W. German mark 144.4/145.3
 Swiss franc 160.3/162.3
 Italian lire (for every 100) 29.2/29.4
 French franc 60/60.4
 Dutch guilder 130.1/130.9
 Swedish crown 67.6/68
 Belgium franc 88.7/89.2
 Japanese yen (for every 100) 149.3/150.3

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1981

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Quick action is needed to put in motion the decisions you've made the past several days. Unexpected conditions arise and you can easily display your talents at this time.
 ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Put those fine ideas to work quickly and gain the aims that mean much to you. Follow your hunches, which are good now.
 TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Make long-range plans to add to present abundance. Being more cooperative with co-workers brings fine results now.
 GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Try to please associates with whom you've had some difficulty in the past and come to a better understanding.
 MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Study how to improve your social standing in your community and gain added prestige. Don't waste time foolishly.
 LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) The fullness of the Moon will give you an opportunity to accomplish a great deal today. Use modern methods at work.
 VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Money matters could be depressing early in the day but clear up later if you use good common sense. Be more confident.
 LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Find out what expectations of close ties are and try to please them more. Plan to spend more time at home.
 SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Study your monetary affairs well and know how to improve them in the near future. Show that you have ability.
 SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be more concerned with personal problems instead of doing so much for others at this time. Avoid extravagance.
 CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Analyze every phase of a new plan you have and then you can make it operate most successfully. Be an optimist.
 AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) The planets make it possible for you to be your most gregarious self at this time. You can easily gain your aims.
 PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Make allowances for loved one who could be in a bad mood now. The evening can be a most happy one. Don't neglect bills.
 IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will most articulate and should have the education directed along lines where this gift can be used to advantage, such as teaching. Your progeny will study varying philosophies of life and will profit by them.
 "The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

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Tomatoes	110	70	Carrots	110	90
Eggplant	160	120	Turnips	70	70
Potatoes (imported)	100	80	Bananas	270	200
Marrow (small)	200	150	Bananas (from makhmar)	235	160
Marrow (large)	100	80	Dates	250	250
Cucumber (small)	220	170	Apples (American, Japanese red, waxed)	470	410
Cucumber (large)	100	70	Apples (Double Red)	300	250
Peas	130	100	Apples (Starken)	210	160
String beans	210	150	Apples (Golden)	260	160
Potatoes (local)	125	100	Oranges (Shammouti)	190	190
Lettuce (head)	70	70	Oranges (Valencia)	150	100
Cauliflower	170	120	Oranges (Waxed)	120	120
Bell pepper	200	140	Grapefruit	150	150
Cabbage	70	70	Lemon	300	250
Spinach	120	120	Coconut (epiece)	200	200
Fitas	80	80	Water Melons	150	150
Onions (dry)	80	80			
Onions (green)	220	220			
Garlic	120	120			

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ECONOMY

In an attempt to reconcile divergent positions

Yamani, Al Sabah meet on oil prices

BAHRAIN, May 18 (R) — Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani and the Oil Minister of Kuwait, Ali Khalifa Al Sabah, met in Riyadh today a week before the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) meets on prices in Geneva.

Gulf oil market analysts said the two were probably trying to reconcile divergent positions.

Saudi Arabia, the largest oil exporter, is flooding the market with a huge output of 10.3 million barrels a day (b/d) in a bid to reunify OPEC prices, creating a glut that is putting pressure on some

exporters to cut prices.

The Saudis themselves charge \$32 a barrel (42 U.S. gallons) but other prices are higher, up to \$41 and Sheikh Yamani has said some seem to him to be too high.

Analysts said Kuwait belongs to a majority which would oppose price cuts in Geneva on May 25 but might agree to a freeze, arguing that in due course this would give Sheikh Yamani a real-term price fall because of the rate of world inflation.

The official Saudi Press Agency said the oil ministers held talks after Sheikh Ali Khalifa delivered

a letter from the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, to Crown Prince Fahd, in day-to-day charge of the Saudi government under King Khaled.

"One alternative seems to be that if other OPEC states do nothing now, the Saudis would let creeping inflation turn the trick," PIW said.

It noted that the Saudis, at \$32 a barrel, felt that the base price of \$36 on which most of the 13 OPEC members now align their rates was too high. But in another year inflation could ratchet up the "real" 32-dollar price to \$36

"meanwhile other producers would mark time with a freeze," PIW said.

It added, however, that African producers of top-quality crudes wanted a base price higher than \$36 and the Geneva meeting "looks set for a replay of similar painful deadlocks over pricing and production matters."

Saudi Arabia seeks a unified price so as to enable OPEC to operate a new formula for raising oil prices in line with the West's inflation and economic growth, which it argues will create a more stable world oil market.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

UAE approves \$7b budget

ABU DHABI, May 18 (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) today approved a record budget of 26.2 billion dirhams (about \$7 billion), a 64 per cent increase on last year, the official Emirates news agency WAM reported.

The 1981 budget details were not released, but the seven-state federation derives the bulk of its income from oil exports mainly by the states of Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

Last year's budget totalled 16 billion dirhams (about \$4.3 billion).

WAM said the budget allocated 2.5 billion dirhams (about \$676 million) for current and new development projects. The budget will be presented to the Federal National Council (parliament) for approval.

Turkey's inflation rate drops to 34.1%

ANKARA, May 18 (R) — Turkey's annual inflation rate dropped last month to 34.1 per cent, the lowest for three years, encouraging government economic planners, according to official statistics released today.

Inflation has steadily dropped since the introduction in January last year of a package of austerity measures aimed at curbing money supply and controlling prices.

The April monthly figures showed that prices rose 0.8 per cent, the same as in March. Government planners are hoping to hold inflation down to below 40 per cent this year. Last year it ran at around 100 per cent.

Turkey, China sign trade protocol

PEKING, May 18 (A.P.) — Turkey and China signed a trade protocol today, China's official Xinhua news agency reported.

The protocol was signed by Turkish Commerce Minister Kemal Canturk, who returned to Peking yesterday after visiting Shanghai and Hangzhou, and by Chinese Foreign Trade Minister Li Qiang, Xinhua said.

Xinhua gave no details of the agreement.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, May 18 (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the close of trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today:

One sterling	2.0895/0905	U.S. dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.1987/90	Canadian dollar
	2.3035/45	West German marks
	2.5520/40	Dutch guilders
	2.0520/40	Swiss francs
	5.5450/5500	French francs
	1143.00/1144.00	Italian lire
	221.75/95	Japanese yen
	4.8850/75	Swedish crowns
	5.6750/6800	Norwegian crowns
	7.2350/75	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	480.00/481.50	U.S. dollars

U.S. prime rate up to 20%

NEW YORK, May 18 (A.P.) — Two major banks raised their prime lending rate today to 20 per cent, becoming the first U.S. banks to charge that rate since early February.

The boost was initiated by Morgan Guaranty Trust Co., New York, the fifth-largest U.S. commercial bank, and matched by First National Bank of Chicago, ranked No. 9.

The increase came amid concern that the Federal Reserve Board will again tighten credit in an effort to slow monetary growth and fight inflation. The board's policy-making Open Market Committee was meeting today.

The prime is the rate charged banks on loans to corporate customers, although some companies are able at times to negotiate better rates and many companies must pay higher rates. After a slowly slow growth early in the year, the U.S. basic money supply surged at an annual rate of 1 per cent in April. That apparent has led to credit tightening by the Fed that has pushed up interest rates.

The Open Market Committee meeting was private, and decisions will not be announced for at least a month.

Japanese machinery exports up 35.8%

TOKYO, May 18 (R) — Japanese machinery exports soared in the past year to a record \$91 billion causing serious trade conflicts with Western competitors, the Japanese Machinery Exporters Association said today.

The 35.8 per cent increase compared to a rise of 4.7 per cent in 1979-80, with cars, ships and electronic goods accounting for the bulk of it.

Car exports jumped 40.4 per cent to \$32.3 billion accounting for more than a third of total machinery exports.

Despite criticism from West European shipbuilders that Japan

was monopolising the industry, ship exports leaped 45.2 per cent to \$5.9 billion, the association said.

Television set exports rose 36.1 per cent to one billion dollars while machine tools went up 27.2 per cent to \$1.3 billion and exports of video cassette recorders doubled to reach \$2.4 billion it said.

The trade ministry announced last Friday that exports of industrial plant in the fiscal year fell a sharp 24.6 per cent to \$8.9 billion due mainly to a steep drop in exports to China following economic changes there and sanctions aga-

inst the Soviet Union after its military intervention in Afghanistan.

The sharp decline in plant exports was easily offset by brisk exports of other items, the association said.

Industrial machinery exports went up 28.6 per cent to \$10.9 billion while heavy electric machine exports were up 34.2 per cent to \$3 billion the association said.

Japanese machinery exports are expected to increase further in the current fiscal year because car manufacturers are exporting actively to Asia, Africa, and South America, it said.

However, industry sources said Japanese plant exporters face strong competition from West European competitors this year as the values of European currencies against the dollar were dropping, making their products cheaper for importers.

The French franc and West German mark have fallen about 30 per cent against the dollar since last summer reflecting the political unrest in Poland and the recent socialist victory in the French presidential election, while the yen has remained fairly strong, they said.

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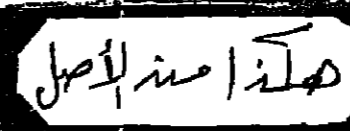
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Angling for better angles kicks up furor in Belfast

By Phil Davison

Reports that some national newsmen have helmed riots in Northern Ireland, a competitive scramble for best pictures has brought criticism both in Ireland and Britain.

Dozens of journalists, photographers and TV film crews descended on Belfast recently to report on the death of a hunger-striking Republican prisoner, Bobby Sands.

Northern Irish police, the army and many people in Ireland believe the presence of so many of the world's top photographers and television cameramen, encourage youths to riot in Belfast and other Northern Ireland towns.

Some sources said a few former "staged" dramatic scenes of rioting to pose in some cases they even went to get pictures or film.

A Belfast daily newspaper, The Newsletter, reported that one television crew offered children five sterling (\$10.50) for each plastic bullet fired at them by the security forces.

The London Sunday Express made similar allegations against television crews, accusing them of handing out money.

An experienced British photographer, Tony McGrath of another London Sunday newspaper, The Observer, was so disturbed by the conduct of other photographers that he insisted on writing a story on the subject himself.

"For the first time in 12 years of covering the world's conflicts and especially the troubles in Northern Ireland, I have felt sufficiently angry and disturbed to question seriously the objectivity of some of my colleagues," he wrote.

A Reuter Correspondent saw a group of photographers, who had stopped to film a burning barricade in the Catholic Lower Falls road last week, ask a boy who



Are those burning vehicles real?

their fierce competition.

A Northern Irish police spokesman told Reuters the police had received many calls from angry journalists, attacking the conduct of some colleagues and wishing to dissociate themselves from the artificial creation of news.

Neither the police nor the British army reported any first-hand examples of journalistic malpractice but both said the very presence of photographers or cameramen tended to encourage some demonstrators.

"They (demonstrators) feel they should give the photographers value for money," a police spokesman said.

After the death of Mr. Bobby Sands recently, photographers and film crews in hired cars roamed the Catholic areas of West Belfast, watching for possible riots.

One American television network had seven film crews operating at one time.

Irish Republicans are no strangers to the presence of newsmen and realise the potential of media publicity in their campaign against British rule over Northern Ireland.

Journalists were allowed into Mr. Bobby Sands' tiny family home to see his almost skeletal body and Republicans set up a special scaffolding for cameramen by his graveside.

Apparently to publicise the other side of the Northern Irish story, the widow of murdered police constable Mr. Philip Ellis allowed a dozen international cam-



Very photogenic, aren't they?

Comforts of home in the urban wilderness

Susan Linnee

By 10 p.m. on a Monday night, the tables are full at a maquis on Queen's Road, and the smell of roasting barbecued chicken and humid night air, a no-nonsense, undetermined age, casts its eye at customers who come over a single bottle of beer while her competitor in the room at the front of the maquis opens another bottle of beer for a government official dancing with his shoes.

Drivers, off-duty cops, hookers, novelists, secretaries and sippers dip their hands into the maquis. West African dance music blares from a loudspeaker.

Carry pails of water for cooking, an old woman crochets on the way to the maquis and a duck waddles as she snaps up bugs. There are plenty of restaurants in this prosperous capitalism. And there are as many as 100 maquis in the city.

People who frequent the maquis are known as maquis.

however, are looking for something more than food for the body.

"I guess I'm hungry when I go to a maquis, but it's usually for conversation, to be with people and to get away from the constraints of the city," said Mr. Abdou Toure, an Ivorian sociologist. "They're sort of our corner bars."

The word maquis is French but comes from Corsican and means "rugged terrain." French resistance fighters in World War II hid out in such places and became known as "maquisards."

When the drinking and eating places first sprang up in Abidjan in the late 1960's they were dubbed "maquis" by students and intellectuals imbued with the revolutionary spirit of the times.

The maquis were vaguely outside the law because there were no regulations governing their opening hours, working conditions and sale of alcoholic beverages.

No one knows how many maquis there are in Abidjan, the largest city in former French West Africa. Because like many other businesses in the so-called informal sector, maquis do not appear on the commercial register. Educated guesses place the number at more than 100.

One woman may operate a maquis out of her two-room home in the crowded, traditional part of town called Treichville, selling beer and soft drinks and doing the cooking herself. Her children wait

on tables but her husband has nothing to do with the operation.

Or several women who live around the same courtyard may work together, some selling drinks and furnishing tables while others prepare food.

Still other maquis are set up by men of means for their mistresses to keep them busy and in money. "All are run by women, and it is the rapport they establish with their customers as well as the quality of their cooking, that insures their success," Mr. Abdou Toure says.

Abidjan's population has tripled in the past 15 years, much of the influx made up of men from rural areas who have come to work in the city without their families and a familiar social context.

Mr. Yvan Mersadiar, an economist at a local research institute, feels the maquis fulfills an economic role by providing inexpensive gathering places for those who feel the alienation of the city.

Mr. Emmanuel Bile, a writer who knows at least half the maquis in town, says they satisfy a desire on the part of urbanized Africans to "recreate the village where most of us have come from but where he can no longer live."

It is the open cooking fires, the assembly of clay pots, the sand swept clean with small brooms of ancient design, the informality and the walled-in security of the courtyard that exerts a powerful pull

on people obliged by the dictates of progress to live in isolation in concrete apartment blocs.

Informal eating and drinking establishments are not unique to the Ivory Coast. There are the "clandos" (semi-licit bars) and "dibiteries" (roast mutton bars) of Senegal, for instance. In the large cities of Southern Nigeria there are the prosaically dubbed "food hotels."

Ivoire Dimanche, a popular weekly magazine, calls the maquis the "informal parliaments" in this single party nation. They serve as transmitters for "radio treichville," the urban grapevine that fills in the gaps of the government-controlled press and broadcasting system.

Although some younger couples frequent maquis together, they are still largely a male — and African — domain.

Many Africans express surprise that Europeans would be interested in going to maquis. Some Europeans contend the maquis is the easiest place to meet Ivorians, who are perceived as being particularly withdrawn.

Writer Bile, however, says that a maquis that draws too many whites may lose its African clientele. "With more than 60,000 French alone in this country, most Ivorians find it more than enough to have to work and deal with them all day," Bile said.

(A.P.)

appeared to be around six years old to pose in front of the flames.

They asked him to put his wooden hat down over his face, in the manner of an Irish Republican guerrilla, and hold up his right fist in a gesture of defiance.

Such incidents led to a meeting of international photographers in a Belfast hotel at which senior photographers warned their colleagues of the dangers of creating news and deplored the actions of those who did so.

Most blamed inexperienced freelance photographers for trying too hard to get the best picture in

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN
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Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ K 8 7 2
♥ A 2
♦ A Q J
♣ 5 4 3 2

EAST
♠ A 6
♥ 7 5 4 3
♦ K 8 7 5
♣ 9 8 6

SOUTH
♠ Q J 10 9 4
♥ K 8 6
♦ 4 3
♣ K Q 10

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♣.

Bridge is often a race between declarer and the defenders. Declarer strives to set up enough tricks to make his contract before the defenders can establish enough winners to defeat the hand. The race goes to the swiftest, and to lose a tempo could easily mean the loss of the contract.

After North had supported his suit, South's hand revalued to close to an opening bid. He might have probed for game with three clubs, which would have been forcing. However, the texture of his

suit was so good that he decided to be a little aggressive and jumped straight to four spades himself.

After the lead of the queen of hearts, those declarers who live in a world where all suits break and all finesses succeed are likely to be defeated by good defense. Assume that declarer wins the opening heart lead and plays a trump. East wins the ace and shifts to a club. Declarer inserts the queen, but instead of gobbling up the trick with the ace, West allows declarer to win. Sooner or later declarer must take the diamond finesse. East wins the diamond and reverts to a club, and West scores two clubs to complete a one-trick set.

Declarer can make the hand if he realizes that time is all important here. Since his weak spot — clubs — has not yet been attacked, he is one step ahead of the defenders. He should win the opening heart in his hand and immediately take the diamond finesse. East can take the king and, in an attempt to catch up, shift to a club, but he cannot make up for lost ground. When West allows the queen of clubs to win, declarer cashes dummy's high diamonds, sluffing a club from his hand. Now declarer can afford to turn his attention to the trump suit. His only losers are one spade, one diamond and one club.

eras to film her tears at her husband's funeral.

An editorial in the Sunday World Newspaper of Dublin in the Irish Republic said "the vultures of the international press corps perched on the roof of the hotel... waiting for civil war to follow the death of Bobby Sands."

An article in the Times of London declared, "Unhappily, it is in the nature of the medium to corrupt the message by oversimplification, and by producing the message it wants by its mere presence."

(Reuters)

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THE Daily Crossword by David A. Scully

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- River to the Neisse
- Gambol
- Note
- Burrowing insectivore
- Adhem
- Moses' brother
- Arabian gulf
- Work by 48A
- 48A, e.g.
- XC
- Opposed to wax
- Cronyn of stage
- Charge with gas
- Example
- Robe
- Kind of orange
- Gods: Lat. (by 48 A)
- Music for lights out
- Enthusiast
- Kind of hall
- Mimic
- City in Illinois
- Moisten the roast
- Emphasized, in a way
- Housecoat
- Author of "Art of Love"
- Remainder
- Flower part
- He wrote "Hawaii"
- "Return..."
- Music for lights out
- Leaves out
- Sign
- liad, e.g.
- Cuban money
- Penny
- Be brave enough
- DOWN
- Where Muscat is
- Bird of the past
- Abbrev.
- Repetitions
- French dramatist
- Chubby
- Blanc
- Place
- Like some space flights
- Pennsylvania city
- Castle feature
- Merely
- "Crackers"
- Accrued: var.
- The — George Apley
- "And — to stars"
- Warehouse
- Special procedures
- Timid
- That is
- Adventure
- Scrooge, for one
- Exposed
- Eye part
- Overcame
- 38 Road workers
- Vannevar of George
- Part of BLT
- Chaste
- Ascended
- Organ part
- Large book
- Sacred bull
- Marceau, for one
- California wine valley
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HERE'S THE WORLD WAR I LYING ACE SOARING OVER THE WESTERN FRONT

MY OWN BROTHER IS DOWN THERE SOMEWHERE WITH THOSE POOR BLIGHTERS IN THE TRENCHES...

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

MY OWN BROTHER IS A POOR BLIGHTER!

Capp

IT'S SAKI, LET THAT KNITTING! IT'S N' ME DONG!

CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK

WHAT'S IT SUPPOSED TO BE, ANYWAY?

I WAS MAKIN' YOU A NEW CRICKET SWEATER FOR NEXT SEASON

WELL? GET ON WITH IT, WOMAN!

'n' Jeff

EFF, WHERE WERE YOU? HLORENIE'S BEEN PHONING ALL NIGHT!

I WAS AT THE THEATER WITH PEGGY!

LAST NIGHT I MARY LOU— TONIGHT IT'S PEGGY!

TOMORROW NIGHT I HAVE A DATE WITH LORRAINE!

DOESN'T YOUR CONSCIENCE BOTHER YOU?

THERE'S ONE NICE THING ABOUT MY CONSCIENCE— IT DOESN'T KICK UP ANY FUSS UNTIL AFTER I HAD FUN

IF I PROMISE TO CALL LORRAINE IN THE MORNING, WILL YOU LET ME GET SOME SLEEP?

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

AM DAM

CENIE

WHONAY

SMARDI

Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumble: CRAWL FLOOR HEARTH BRIDLE
Answer: The crook sawed off the legs under his bed so he could do this—"LIE LOW"

Shame on you! You should be married!

HE WAS SURROUNDED BY THE SEWING CIRCLE.

'Iron Lady' under heavy political pressure as McCreech inches to death

BELFAST, May 18 (A.P.) — Irish Republican Army hunger-striker Raymond McCreech was reported nearing death today on the 58th day of his fast in the Maze prison, in a mac-

abre contest of wills between the British government and convicted guerrillas demanding political prisoner status.

Amid a buildup of political pressure in London for a major reconsideration of government policy on Northern Ireland to avert serious trouble, the IRA's political front, Sinn Fein, said Mr. McCreech was blind, lapsing into unconsciousness and in "an advanced state of weakness."

A spokesman said Mr. McCreech, 34, who was visited by his family yesterday in the prison's hospital wing, had only two or three days to live.

Britain's Northern Ireland Office said his condition "continues to deteriorate."

Another hunger-striker, Patrick O'Hara, also has gone without food for 58 days. But although Sinn Fein reported he was in serious condition, he was not expected to die before Mr. McCreech.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has repeatedly vowed she will not give in to the hunger-striker's demands that they be treated as political prisoners rather than criminals because their crimes were politically motivated.

But the hunger-strike deaths and Mrs. Thatcher's determined stand has given the IRA's "provisional" wing a powerful worldwide propaganda boost and heightened pressure from British politicians to make some concessions to end the deadlock.

The traditional solidarity between Britain's Conservative and Labour parties over handling of the Northern Ireland problem is beginning to crack. This bipartisan approach, which has effectively stifled debate on Northern Ireland for more than a decade, has been jolted by opposition Labourites who have in recent days openly criticised Mrs. Thatcher's tough no-deal policy.

Tony Benn, leader of Labour's increasingly powerful left wing, last week called for a British military withdrawal from the turbulent province and branded partition "a crime against the Irish people."

He reflected growing disquiet in the Labour Party over events in Northern Ireland—fifteen Labourite legislators urged Mrs. Thatcher to make concessions that

could end the hunger-strike after 70 guerrillas in the Maze volunteered to keep taking the places of men who die in their bitter showdown with the "Iron Lady."

Mr. Martin Flannery, chairman of Labour's increasingly critical Northern Ireland committee, said in a recent television interview: "I don't want these men to have political prisoner status, but some concessions should be made...to gentle down the situation."

Mr. Merlyn Rees, a former Northern Ireland secretary, proposed ending London's long-standing guarantee to the Protestants that Northern Ireland will remain part of the United Kingdom so long as a majority in the province want it—this was a major departure from the bi-partisan agreement and could provoke deeper unrest among Protestants already alarmed at Mrs. Thatcher's radical new initiative to improve relations with the Irish Republic.

There was no immediate sign that Mrs. Thatcher will yield, but if a significant number of Labourites break ranks over Northern Ireland it would undermine the government policy based on the bi-partisan deal.

The hunger-strike crisis has triggered widespread violence in Catholic sectors of the province.

Well-informed sources here said the IRA's leadership is under mounting pressure to bomb English cities to avenge Sands and Hughes.

Pakistan's nuclear equipment supplier's factory sabotaged

MARSDORF, West Germany, May 18 (R) — A West German company which exports nuclear-related equipment to Pakistan was damaged by a bomb today, and an anonymous caller later linked the blast to a similar attack in Switzerland.

Police said the explosion tore a hole in an outside wall and shattered windows at the Hans Waelischmiller company in Marsdorf, southern Germany, which makes robot arms used to handle radioactive material. No one was injured.

The caller, who spoke accented German, told Reuters news agency in Bonn the attack was launched by what he called the organisation for preventing the spread of nuclear weapons to South Asia.

He said the group was also responsible for a bomb attack in February against a director of a Swiss firm, Cora Engineering, which had sold uranium enrichment plant to Pakistan.

Tension escalates on China-Vietnam border

LONDON, May 18 (R) — Tension along the Chinese-Vietnamese border has mounted after China said it killed 150 Vietnamese soldiers in a clash and Vietnam accused its northern neighbour of armed provocations.

In the worst reported clash since the two countries fought a month-long border war two years ago, the New China News Agency said a Vietnamese force about the size of a regiment attacked a border commune inside China under cover of heavy artillery fire.

Chinese border troops courageously counter-attacked... killing more than 150 of the enemy," the agency said.

And Vietnam today accused China of launching a fresh series of border attacks in what it said

was its overall strategy against the pro-Vietnamese governments in Kampuchea and Laos.

The Vietnamese army newspaper, Quan Doi Nhan Dan, said there had been dozens of shelling and incursions by Chinese troops into four of Vietnam's northern border provinces during the past 10 days.

The armed forces and local residents had fought back, killing or capturing a number of intruders, the newspaper said, according to the Vietnam News Agency (VNA).

China and Vietnam have protested to each other in the past few days over the latest clashes, the worst reported since their month-long border war two years ago.

Reagan reappears before metal-detected audience

SOUTH BEND, Indiana, May 18 (R) — President Ronald Reagan drew an enthusiastic welcome from an audience of 11,000 today on his first public appearance out-

side Washington since he was shot in an assassination attempt on March 30.

He was surrounded by extraordinary security measures when he addressed graduates of Notre Dame University where he predicted major advances for Americans and victory for Western values over communism.

For the first time on a presidential trip, everyone attending the ceremony was scanned by metal detectors held by Secret Service agents searching for guns hidden in clothing.

At the airport in South Bend, several hundred well-wishers were kept well away from the presidential arrival area and Mr. Reagan did not follow the usual custom of going over to the crowd to shake hands.

Small groups of demonstrators protesting against U.S. policy in El Salvador and the president's proposals for sweeping cuts in government spending were kept about one kilometre away from university buildings which were heavily patrolled by police.

WHO considers regulations on breastmilk substitutes

GENEVA, May 18 (R) — The World Health Organisation (WHO) is expected to approve an international code to control marketing of milk powder for infants this week after years of controversy over bottle-feeding.

The 156-state assembly is due to start debate tomorrow on the proposed non-binding code which recommends a complete ban on consumer advertising of breastmilk substitutes.

Under the code, baby pictures would vanish from containers and labels of infant formula food, and the controls would also cover feeding bottles and teats.

The code, drawn up after talks

with major baby food companies and critics of their sales promotion in developing countries, is aimed at putting the feeding bottle back on the shelf as a complement to mothers' milk rather than a fashionable substitute for breast-feeding.

The code notes that improper marketing of breastmilk substitutes "can contribute" to improper feeding practices leading to infant malnutrition and death—a major problem in the Third World.

The international Red Cross disclosed last February that it had forbidden feeding bottles for infants in its food aid operations.

Madrid raps coup leader's jail visitors

MADRID, May 18 (R) — Several Civil Guards who stormed the Spanish parliament in an attempted coup last February have been punished for trying to visit their rebel leader in a military prison, official sources said today.

A statement from the Civil Guards headquarters here said they travelled to the prison, in the isolated northwestern port of El Ferrol, without authority. It did not give their numbers or the nature of their punishment.

Spanish newspapers said eight guards went 10 days ago to see Lt. Col. Antonio Tegero Molina, indicted for military rebellion after leading the assault on the Cortes (parliament).

Authorities recently limited the number of visitors Col. Tegero could receive to three a day after reports that a constant stream of well-wishers went to see him in the prison.

All non-ranking guards who took part in the assault on parliament have now been released. Seventeen of their officers are under detention.

Dutch journalist faces expulsion from Peking

PEKING, May 18 (R) — China has asked the Dutch newspaper NRC Handelsblad to recall its Peking correspondent, Mr. William van Kemenade, because of alleged "inappropriate" behaviour by him and his Taiwanese wife.

The allegations have not been spelled out. It is the first such action against a foreign correspondent here since November, 1977, when Mr. Ross Munro of the Toronto Globe and Mail was told that his residence card would not be renewed.

Two Chinese diplomats in the Netherlands asked for Mr. Van Kemenade's recall when they visited the Rotterdam offices of NRC Handelsblad on May 5, informed sources here said.

On the same day, China formally downgraded its diplomatic relations with the Netherlands following the Dutch government's decision — hotly opposed by Peking — to allow the sale of two submarines to Taiwan.

Mr. Van Kemenade, who withheld comment today and referred queries to his newspaper, is still in Peking, preparing to take previously-scheduled local leave by the end of this month.

In the Hague a spokesman for the NRC Handelsblad said the chief editor would meet a Chinese government representative tomorrow to discuss the Chinese request.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

AZ'67 hoping for the Treble

AMSTERDAM, May 18 (R) — Dutch champions AZ'67, with their domestic Cup Final 10 days away, could near a glorious treble by beating Ipswich of England in the open Football Union (UEFA) Cup Final on Wednesday. The most optimistic Dutchmen believe that they can the 3-0 first leg defeat suffered in Ipswich two weeks before match, in Amsterdam Olympic Stadium, is expected to crowd of 30,000, including 6,000 English fans. Alkmaar stadium is not big enough as UEFA require finals to be at grounds capable of holding at least 20,000. Some 100 riot will be on duty inside the ground as part of security measures. A stadium official said trouble on the terraces was not expected. Some entrances will be reserved for Ipswich fans. Their seats the ground will be separated from the rest. Alkmaar, unc in their first 24 games, ran away with the Dutch champ. But, like Ipswich, this is their first European final. Desp seven internationals, at Ipswich they could not match the 1 passing, strong running and clinical finishing of hosts who dream of a glorious double had vanished in the preceding. Aston Villa snatched the Championship from Ipswich after Chester City had knocked them out of the F.A. Cup semi extra time. So the display against AZ'67, football apart psychological triumph. Except for central defender John god, the Dutch players failed to show the skills and opponents like Paul Mariner, John Wark and Eric Gate composure in midfield of Frans Thijssen, England's foot the year. By irony, Thijssen, with Arnold Muhren, went exports to Ipswich.

Reutemann speeding past Pique

ZOLDER, May 18 (A.P.) — Argentina's Carlos Reu scored a personal triumph at the Belgian Grand Prix in w otherwise a black weekend for formula one racing. He v rain-shortened event to increase his lead in the 1981. Driven Championship and write a new line into the record, by scoring points in 15 successive races. But the weekend mechanics gravely injured, there were new rules disputes, and mechanics delayed the race with protests, a leading, blatantly ignored accident signals, and officials made controversial decisions. Reutemann to the flag after 54 lap scheduled 70 laps when officials, nervous after a startin accident, decided to end the race when light rain started. He had moved into the lead on lap 19 when his Williams stea and fierce rival, Australian World Champion Alan Jones, c out of the lead when his gearbox failed through a high corner. Jones suffered burns to his leg from scalding water burst radiator. Nelson Piquet of Brazil had crashed when ond after 10 laps, and alleged Jones pushed him off the Reutemann now leads Piquet by 34 points to 22. Once in th Reutemann was never troubled. France's Jacques Laffite strong second in the Talbot-Ligier, its problems with th Matra engine apparently resolved.

McNamara wins W. German Tennis C

HAMBURG, May 18 (R) — Australia's Peter McNamara pleted a shock win over top seed Jimmy Connors of the 1 States to take the West German Open Tennis title today. amara, the first Australian victor for 12 years, won 7-5 6-1 6-4 in a final halted by rain yesterday. Two sets down he resumed. Connors pulled one set back but went into the r end a run of 25 wins. He fell short of his best yesterday but o with more of his old power today and dominated the net t the third set 6-4. But his service and forehand let him down fourth, and McNamara, who knocked out American holder old Solomon in the semifinals, clinched the title on his third point. In the doubles final, Chile's Hans Gildemeister and A Gomez from Ecuador retained their Hamburg title by def Australians Peter McNamara and Paul McNamee 6-3, 3-1. The Australian pair, Wimbledon winners in 1980, bowed consistent pressure from the South Americans in the 90-r match.

Record Breakers

MODESTO, California, May 18 (A.P.) — Ben Pluckne world record in the discus Sunday at the California relay and Field meet. Pluckne, on his final throw of the day, tos discus 71.2 m to eclipse the world mark of 71.14 m set b fgang Schmidt of East Germany in 1978 in Berlin. And in v Soviet Olympic weightlifter Sultan Rakhmanov on Sund: new world record in the super heavy (over 110-kilogs category, by snatching 201 kilogrammes, improving by v ogrammes his previous mark set three years ago. TASS reas

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Bhutto women's release requested

KARACHI, May 18 (R) — A religious party appealed today to the military government to release the two detained Bhutto women from jail and allow them to go home. Maulana Moh-ammad Shah Amrohi, Nizamul Ulemae Pakistan Party secretary, said in a statement it was unIslamic to keep prisoners in jail without trial. He charged that the government's policy was unjust and said Begum Nusrat Bhutto and Miss Benazir Bhutto, widow and daughter of the executed prime minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, were kept in inhuman conditions. If the government wanted to keep them in custody they could be kept under house arrest, he added. The two were arrested in March after the hijacking of a Pakistani airliner.

U.S. may blockade Cuba for gun-running

NEW YORK, May 18 (R) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig was quoted yesterday as saying that the United States has not ruled out a blockade of Cuba to stop its gun-running to Latin American revolutionaries. Time magazine said Mr. Haig told a private briefing of Republican congressmen last week that Cuba had resumed "massive" arms shipments to Latin American trouble spots. "We've got to stop this," the magazine quoted him as saying, adding that he told the congressmen a blockade "is something that can't be dismissed." The Reagan administration has accused Cuba and the leftist government in Nicaragua of running arms to guerrillas in El Salvador and elsewhere. Time said Mr. Haig hinted that any U.S. move would be taken soon, while Mr. Reagan is riding high in popularity polls.

Indian actress charged for kissing Charles

BOMBAY, May 18 (A.P.) — A magistrate in the city of Meerut, in Uttar Pradesh State, has issued an arrest warrant against teenage actress Padmini Kolhapuri, accused of blackening the fair image of Indian women by publicly kissing Britain's Prince Charles when the future king toured India last December, the English-language "Daily" reported. Magistrate Sardar Akhtar ruled that Miss Kolhapuri had failed to appear in court and had been purposely avoiding the serving of summons, the newspaper said. Mr. Ansar Ahmad, who described himself as a devout Muslim, has filed a suit against Miss Kolhapuri, accusing the well-known actress of defaming Indian culture and trying to gain "cheap publicity by kissing in public." The petition pleads for legal action against Miss Kolhapuri under two sections of the Indian Penal Code covering "obscene acts in public." Prince Charles received a surprise kiss from Miss Kolhapuri when he visited the set of a Hindi-language film "Aahista, Aahista." (Softly, Softly) at a film studio here. The Prince of Wales appeared unperturbed by the kiss and asked his lovely host to wipe the trace of lipstick from the right cheek.

Scotland Yard cracks £1 million robbery

LONDON, May 18 (A.P.) — A 27-year-old London porter, Cornelius Culwick, was charged yesterday in the £1 million (\$2.1 million) gems and cash robbery from the exclusive Inn On The Park, Scotland Yard said. In one of Britain's biggest jewel heists, a man disguised as a woman in blonde wig and mink coat, roughed up the manageress of a jewelry shop at the hotel on London's Park Lane May 9 and looted the safe while an accomplice kept watch. Another man is still being sought.

Author William Saroyan dies at 72

FRESNO, California, May 18 (A.P.) — Mr. William Saroyan, a major U.S. writer died today of cancer at the age of 72. Mr. Saroyan had been hospitalized since collapsing at his home here April 20. Mr. Saroyan won the 1940 Pulitzer Prize for his most famous play, "The Time of Your Life," but rejected the \$1,500 award because he felt wealth or commerce should not patronise art. Mr. Saroyan's writings, most of them autobiographical, include numerous short stories and the books "My Name is Aram" and "The Human Comedy." The latter detailed the alternating sad and happy experiences of a young telegraph messenger growing up in mythical Ithaca, California, during World War II. He was twice married to and divorced from Carol Marcus, debutante daughter of a Bendix Corp. executive. They had two children, a son, Aram, who became a writer, and a daughter, Lucy.

Bundeswehr searches for identity

By Paul Taylor

BONN: Stirred out of complacency by a series of anti-military riots, West Germany's armed forces (Bundeswehr) are taking a critical and sometimes uncomfortable look at their own traditions and public image.

After a wave of violent protests against public swearing-in ceremonies for recruits last year, Defence Minister Hans Apel summoned leaders of the youth, academic and military worlds to a public debate recently on relations between soldier and society.

Although the alienated youths who disrupted the army's torchlight parades were barely represented at the seminar, Mr. Apel heard more far-reaching criticism than he expected.

Speaker after speaker asked why West Germany had chosen to name barracks and warships after "heroes" of Hitler's armies (Wehrmacht) like Field Marshal Rommel or Admiral Luetjens.

How could youth be expected to identify with the Bundeswehr when Bonn tamely acquiesced in the arms race, a young trade union leader asked.

The debate highlighted a central contradiction of the Bundeswehr, an army in which the only respectable tradition since 1945 has been in questioning and disobeying orders.

By necessity, the Bundeswehr was founded mainly with former Wehrmacht officers in 1955. To guard against any repetition of the

army's role in the Nazi era, it was placed under strict parliamentary

control and soldiers were instructed to disobey orders which violated the criminal code.

Ceremonial was reduced to a minimum, goose-stepping and medals were abolished and soldiers were encouraged to think for themselves.

The Bundeswehr, now half-a-million strong, has grown to be West Europe's strongest army and, partly due to the influence of former Wehrmacht officers, has gradually come to resemble any

other army.

Medals were recently reintroduced — Hitler's awards had always been honoured — and old time parade-ground "square bashing" is also back.

Mr. Apel wants to make military service more attractive to youth, to compensate for a decline in recruitment due to a falling birth rate, but many young Germans appear to be questioning the armed forces' purpose.

West German commentators

praised the minister's courage for holding the public debate at a time when Bonn's allies, above all the United States, are making ever greater demands on West Germany within the Western alliance.

Mr. Apel said he was scrapping a 1965 decree setting out the traditions and duties of the armed forces because it did not stress sufficiently the Bundeswehr's job was to secure peace and defend democracy.

Torchlight tattoos, reviled by pacifists and the political left as remnants of Prussian militarism, would be reformed and would remain the exception, he promised.

Some soldiers at the seminar voiced their disagreement at these moves and at the minister's pledge that names of past military figures would no longer be given to units, bases or ships.

They drew comfort from Mr. Apel's refusal to give way to demands that all institutions named after former Wehrmacht officers should be renamed.

Opinion data presented at the seminar suggested that the problem of the Bundeswehr's social acceptability had been greatly exaggerated.

The figures showed that attachment to the military is greater than ever before, reaching proportions which would be the envy of most other NATO defence ministers.

Some 90 per cent of the population say the armed forces are either "important" or "very important" and the same percentage think Bonn must remain committed to the Western alliance.

Some even want to reinforce NATO.

The only cloud on the apparently growing trust, especially among youth, arms and defend West against a hypothetical

Germany's 62 million think the country should attack with force and three-quarters are of defence if it means us weapons against inv German soil.

Those results seem to growing feeling of he and a belief that any way bound to lead to the ar of Germany.

One seminar cannot the Bundeswehr's ideo bloms. The number of pe lying for conscientious status is still growing — 56,000 out of about young men of conscript year.

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There is little Mr. Ap to reconcile young pe enated by the East-W race. But his frank adn the limits of Bonn's abil luence it and his willingn tradition into question a long run help to win back of critical youth.

He will need to if a deswehr is to avoid a n shortage in this decade.

REUTER



When the former SS of the Totenkopf (Head of the Dead) met behind closed doors, a counter-demonstration was held. The banners said: "Nazis

Out," reflecting the public feeling of being still under the shadow of Hitler and his death-dealing soldiers (Gamma photo)

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